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## **SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION UP**

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 88 million eggs during February, up 5 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 68 million table eggs and 20 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,423,000 birds, up 1 percent from 4,394,000 a year ago. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,990 eggs, compared with 1,912 in 2010.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.01 billion during February 2011, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.03 billion table eggs, and 974 million hatching eggs, of which 908 million were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2011 averaged 339 million, down slightly from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,065 eggs, up 1 percent from February 2010.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION DOWN**

During the month of February, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 17.86 million chicks, down 2 percent from last year's 18.32 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2011 totaled 709 million, up 1 percent from February 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 642 million on March 1, 2011, down slightly from a year earlier.